

Amendments To The Claims

Claims 1-12 (cancelled).

Claim 13 (previously presented): A projectile system for use in delivering a substance to a target, comprising:

a projectile comprising:

a first part;

a second part that is at least partially hollow, wherein the second part is secured with the first part to seal the hollow portion defining a volume, wherein the projectile is non-spherical;

an inhibiting substance contained within the volume; and

stabilizing fins secured with the second part along an exterior of the second part;

and

a propulsion block positioned proximate to the stabilizing fins and configured to maintain substantially all of a propulsion force behind the propulsion block and to evenly distribute the propulsion force to the projectile;

wherein the inhibiting substance is dispersed into a cloud upon impact of the projectile with a target.

Claim 14 (original): The projectile system of claim 13, wherein the first part is at least partially hollow where the hollow portion of the first part cooperates with the hollow portion of the second part defining a volume such that the inhibiting substance is contained within the volume.

Claim 15 (currently amended): The projectile system of claim 14, wherein the second part tapers to a smaller diameter away from the first part, and the second part has a length that is greater than a width of the first part.

Claim 16 (cancelled)

Claim 17 (original): The projectile system of claim 15, wherein the first part is reusable and further comprises support structures.

Claim 18 (original): The projectile system of claim 13, further comprising:
a shell;
an ignitable substance positioned within the shell, wherein the ignitable substance propels the projectile from the shell upon ignition of the ignitable substance.

Claim 19 (previously presented): The projectile system of claim 18, wherein the propulsion block is positioned within the shell, wherein the projectile is positioned within the shell adjacent the propulsion block; and
the ignitable substance includes primer positioned within the shell such that the primer when ignited propels the propulsion block which forces the projectile from the shell.

Claim 20 (original): The projectile system of claim 19, wherein the inhibiting substance includes a capsaicin.

Claim 21 (original): The projectile system of claim 13, further comprising:
a cartridge coupled with the second part wherein the cartridge includes means for launching the projectile.

Claim 22 (currently amended): The projectile system of claim 21, wherein the first part is a generally non-frangible nose section.

Claim 23 (currently amended): The projectile system of claim 13, further comprising:
a plurality of projectiles; and
a means for launching the plurality of projectiles.

Claim 24 (currently amended): The projectile system of claim 23, wherein the means for launching rapidly launches at least a sub-set of the plurality of projectiles within a limited time to rapidly contact a target along a path across the target during a single launching.

Claim 25 (original): The system of claim 24, wherein the inhibiting substance includes a Capsaicin.

Claim 26-52 (cancelled)

Claim 53 (new): The projectile system of claim 15, further comprising:
additional stabilizers distinct from the stabilizing fins, where the additional stabilizers are positioned on the exterior of the second part and distant from the stabilizing fins.

Claim 54 (new): The projectile system of claim 53, wherein the additional stabilizers are positioned on the exterior of the second part proximate the first part and distant from the stabilizing fins, where the additional stabilizers extend along a length of the second part and are distributed about the exterior of the second part.

Claim 55 (new): The projectile system of claim 13, wherein the second part comprises a body portion removably secured with a tail portion.

Claim 56 (new): The projectile system of claim 55, wherein the body portion tapers to a smaller diameter away from the first part and comprises a tongue, and the tail portion comprises the stabilizing fins and a receiving port that mates with the tongue of the body portion securing the body portion with the tail portion.

Claim 57 (new): The projectile system of claim 56, wherein the first part comprising a fill hole cooperated with the volume and a lid secured within the fill hole sealing the fill hole.

Claim 58 (new): The projectile system of claim 57, wherein the body portion comprises weakening features to aid in the rupture of the body.

Claim 59 (new): The projectile system of claim 13, wherein the propulsion block comprises a lip extending radially and circumferentially about an exterior of the propulsion block where the lip is flexible.

Claim 60 (new): The projectile system of claim 13 wherein the propulsion block comprises a plate closing a first end of the propulsion block and configured to be positioned proximate the projectile, and a plurality of rings separated and positioned along a length of the block where the plurality of rings extend around a perimeter of an exterior of the propulsion block and radially away from a central axis of the propulsion block with each ring configured to establish a seal that aids in maintaining substantially all of the propulsion force behind the propulsion block and evenly distributed to the projectile.

Claim 61 (new): The projectile system of claim 60, further comprising:
a shell within which the projectile and the propulsion block are positioned prior to launch with the rings or the propulsion block establishing the seals against the shell.

Claim 62 (new): The projectile system of claim 61, wherein the propulsion block comprises a flexible lip extending radially and circumferentially about an exterior of the propulsion block, where the lip defines a diameter that is greater than a diameter of the shell when the propulsion block is external to the shell and the lip flexes when the propulsion block is positioned within the shell such that the lip establishes a seal with the shell.

Claim 63 (new): The projectile system of claim 62, wherein the plate extends beyond a cylindrical portion of the propulsion block and establishes a seal with the shell.

Claim 64 (new): The projectile system of claim 63, wherein the second part comprises a body portion removably secured with a tail portion, where the body portion tapers to a smaller diameter away from the first part and comprises a tongue, and the tail portion comprises the stabilizing fins and a receiving port that mates with the tongue of the body portion securing the body portion with the tail portion; and

the first part further comprises a fill hole cooperated with the volume and a lid secured within the fill hole closing the fill hole and the volume.

Claim 65 (new): The projectile system of claim 24, where the means for launching is further configured to launch a subsequent single projectile of the plurality of projectiles after the launching of the sub-set of the plurality of projectiles.

Claim 66 (new): The projectile system of claim 24, wherein the means for launching rapidly launches a sub-set of multiple projectiles of the plurality of projectiles within the limited time of about less than two seconds to rapidly contact the target along the path across the target during the single launching.

Claim 67 (new): The projectile system of claim 23, further comprises:
a plurality of shells where each shell houses at least one of the plurality of projectiles prior to launching, wherein the means for launching comprises ignitable substance positioned within each shell, wherein the ignitable substance propels the projectile from the shell upon ignition of the ignitable substance and the ignitable substance comprises only one or more primers.

Claim 68 (new): The projectile system of claim 67, where the ignitable substance comprising only one or more primers is configured to launch each of the plurality of projectiles at consistent projectile velocities.

Claim 69 (new): The projectile system of claim 23, wherein the means for launching comprises a source of compressed gas that when released launches at least one of the plurality of projectiles.

Claim 70 (new): A projectile system for use in delivering a substance to a target, comprising:

a projectile comprising:

a first part that is a generally non-frangible nose section;

a second part that is at least partially hollow, wherein the second part is secured with the first part to seal the hollow portion defining a volume, wherein the projectile is non-spherical;

an inhibiting substance contained within the volume; and

stabilizing fins secured with the second part along an exterior of the second part;

and

additional stabilizers positioned on the exterior of the second part.

Claim 71 (new): A projectile system for use in delivering a substance to a target, comprising:

a projectile comprising:

a first part;

a second part that is at least partially hollow and further comprises a tapered tongue, wherein the second part is secured with the first part to seal the hollow portion defining a volume, wherein the projectile is non-spherical;

an inhibiting substance contained within the volume; and

a third part comprising stabilizing fins secured along an exterior of the second part and a receiving port that mates with the tapered tongue; and

wherein the inhibiting substance is dispersed into a cloud upon impact of the projectile with a target.